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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to an office action mailed on November 26, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for response that expired on December 26, 2002. A request for a five-month extension of time is submitted herewith. Such extension allows the undersigned until May 26, 2003 (National holiday), which extends to Tuesday, May 27, 2003 to respond. This response, submitted on Monday, May 20, 2003, is timely. In view of the following remarks and amendments, reconsideration of the restriction requirement and an examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

In the Specification:

Please replace the specification with the substitute specification that appears in clean form in Appendix I hereto. A copy of the substitute specification that is marked to show the changes made appears in Appendix II hereto.

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